

RAISING A BIG DUST

EL RENO BUSINESS MEN ARE BUSTLING MIGHTILY.

PUBLIC MEETING HELD

COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED TO SEE TO THINGS.

RAILROAD INTERESTS GUARDED

WAGON ROADS LEADING INTO TOWN TO BE MENDED.

Exhibit of El Reno and Canadian County
Proposed for the Omaha Exposition
—Personnel of the Committee—

El Reno, O. T., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—A large and enthusiastic meeting of the business men of this city was held in the district court room last evening, under the auspices of the El Reno Business Men's club. The meeting was called to order by President J. F. McGrath, who in a neat address stated why the meeting was called and for what purpose it was called. Judge Franklin also delivered a well timed address in which he stated that the future welfare of El Reno was at stake and it stood the business men and property holders in hand to stop quarrelling among themselves, put their shoulders to the wheel and make this city the foremost one in Oklahoma. Five committees of three men each were appointed.

The railroad committee appointed will keep in touch with the different roads, gain all the information they can and if necessary assist any new enterprise which will be a benefit to the city.

The committee on agriculture will assist the raising of sugar beets for the purpose of manufacturing beet sugar. The committee has been instructed to correspond with the people who own and are running a beet sugar factory in Nebraska, with a view to having them remove the plant to this city.

The committee appointed to ascertain the feasibility of building a public slaughter house was instructed to find out what, if anything, could be done in the matter. If this building is built, which it surely will be, it will be a big thing for the city. It will in no sense be a packing house, as Wichita is too close for anything of the kind being attempted here. What the club proposes to do is to build a large slaughter house where cattle and hogs may be killed and sent to the small towns west of us which are not connected by railroads, such as Cloud Chief, Apache, Cheyenne and other small places. A cold storage and smoke house will be added to the main building.

The best thing done at the meeting was the appointing of a committee to look after the roads leading into the city. Numerous complaints are being received daily of the bad condition of certain places in the roads leading west. These roads are to be repaired in a proper shape and wells dug at intervals so that wagon trains will have no trouble in reaching here. The wells will be a godsend for the farmers and freighters traveling the roads, as water is hard to get.

Next spring the city of Omaha, Neb., will open an exposition and El Reno is not the town to hide her head under a bushel. A committee of three was appointed to correspond with the management of the exposition and secure a space where Canadian county and her principal city, El Reno, can show to the people of the frozen north what Oklahoma dirt can do in the way of raising wheat. Cotton, beets, oats, corn, fruit and other cereals and crops.

The following gentlemen are the officers of the club: President, J. F. McGrath; vice president, H. K. Ricker; secretary, W. A. Maurer; treasurer, A. G. Menager.

The committees are:
Railroad committee—J. A. Foreman, T. F. Hensley, N. B. Wase.
Agriculture committee—J. E. Schweitzer, Jesse Morrison, L. J. Gunn.
Slaughter house committee—M. M. Engle, Mayor Flickenger, Jake Som.
Wagon road committee—J. E. Bonebrake, E. D. Humphrey, George Kerfoot.
Omaha exposition committee—M. M. Engle, W. E. Freyberger, H. A. Franklin.

The meeting adjourned to meet again next Thursday evening.

SENTENCE DAY AT EL RENO.

El Reno, O. T., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Tomorrow is the day Judge Tansley has set for sentencing the prisoners who are now confined in the county jail and who have been convicted at this term of court. Ashburn and Slover may come in and give themselves up just for the sake of having a ride in a varnished coach to Lansing, but the chances are they are doing something in the Indian Territory that will send them to Fort Smith.

TRAIN GUARDS SHOW FIGHT

Leader of a Holdup Killed and the Gang Put to Flight.
Deming, N. M., Dec. 10.—In an attempt to hold up the westbound Southern Pacific passenger train at Stein's Pass, ninety miles west of this place, at nine o'clock last night, "Sandy" Collins was shot and killed by Express Guard Jennings. Previous to the arrival of the train four bandits rode into the station and held up and robbed Agent St. John and Section Foreman McMillen, and at the same time cut all wires so that no warning could be given when the train pulled into the station.

the other robbers at once mounted their horses and fled.

The body of the dead bandit was taken to Tucson.

The railroad company had been expecting trouble and had been employing extra guards for some weeks past. Officers are in pursuit of the remaining members of the gang.

The name of the dead robber has been ascertained to be "Sandy" Collins. Collins, until recently, had been employed as a cowboy in the San Simon valley ranges in eastern Arizona, and his companions, instead of being the "Black Jack" gang, as originally supposed, are known to have been a band of cowboys organized for the single purpose of the robbery which was attempted.

The United States marshal and a posse were in the immediate vicinity of Stein's Pass yesterday pursuing the "Black Jack" gang, and they were at once notified and started in pursuit. The chances of the capture of the remaining three robbers is therefore good. The robbers of last night did not even succeed in gaining an entrance to the car. When they attacked the trainmen, Express Messenger Adair and the two guards, Jennings and Thatcher, opened fire and when Collins got in good range he was shot and instantly killed, whereupon the others fled. But little money was obtained from the station agent and section foreman.

The original "Black Jack" gang are still thought to be hiding in their retreat in the Sierra Madre in Old Mexico.

HE MADE INSURANCE PAY

Charles Zanoli Has Collected on Seven Lives Already

New York, Dec. 10.—Charles Zanoli, the barber who yesterday pleaded guilty to defrauding an insurance company and who admitted that since 1883 he had collected insurance on four wives, one mother-in-law, one daughter and one employee, was arraigned in police court again today on the charge of being a suspicious character. He was remanded till tomorrow to give the detectives time to thoroughly investigate his record and ascertain whether the lives of all these people, whose insurance Zanoli had collected, were lost through natural causes. The charge made by the insurance company will not be pressed until this curious sequence of deaths has been thoroughly explained. Zanoli asserts that all the persons on whose lives he collected insurance died from natural causes but he admits collecting \$350 on an insurance policy taken out in his own name after he had represented to the company that the dead body of an employee named Schmidt was himself.

While prosecuting his insurance business Zanoli sometimes traveled under the names of Braune and Sumner. The police have no definite evidence to warrant the charge of murder.

During the day the police accumulated a good deal of testimony against Zanoli which they consider important. Captain McCuskey, the chief of detectives, stated that he had discovered a barber who had seen Zanoli giving his wife No. 2 a dose of medicine. The woman died the next day of cerebral hemorrhage. He also stated that Zanoli moved a short time ago to another locality in this city with the intention of getting married again. The woman that Zanoli intended to make his wife advertised in the papers for a husband and had an appointment with Zanoli at the same time and place. She kept the appointment and found that Zanoli was in jail. The police also claim that Zanoli tried to marry another woman recently.

Zanoli told the police today that his child Lottie, on whose life he collected insurance, died from an injury on the head resulting from a blow given to her by his second wife while in a fit of anger. Zanoli also stated that his second wife grieved so much over Lottie's death that he believed it caused her own death.

Zanoli has continued to cry ever since he has been locked up.

Several of the physicians who attended the wives of Zanoli made statements to Police Captain McCuskey tonight. Dr. J. W. Lyman, who attended Zanoli's third wife at the time of her death, told Sergeant Morris that he was puzzled by some of the symptoms of the case and that he considered Zanoli's conduct peculiar at the time.

Dr. Lyman said he thought the woman died from apoplexy, but he never felt positive about the matter.

Dr. C. E. Barton, one of the attending physicians on Jennie Sumner, the fourth wife, who died August 8, 1897, said that he examined this woman just previous to her initiation into the Order of United Friends. Zanoli wanted a policy of \$3,000 on his wife. On account of their apparent poverty the doctor refused to pass Zanoli for that amount, but agreed to allow both these persons to take out a policy for \$1,000. Dr. Barton considered some of the symptoms attendant upon the illness of Mrs. Zanoli, or Sumner, as being of a suspicious nature, but Dr. Harris, who had been called into the case, told him that the woman died of heart failure.

Dr. Harris corroborated many of the statements made by Dr. Barton.

Dr. E. J. Sheehan, who attended Lena Zanoli, the second wife, who died November 25, 1895, said that he gave a certificate that death was caused by apoplexy. He noticed nothing peculiar about the case at the time he was called in to prescribe for the woman.

The bodies of several of the persons whose lives were insured in Zanoli's favor will be examined.

PETITION OF THE DELAWARES

Protesting Against Alleged Wrongs at the Cherokee's Hands

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 10.—The petition of the Delaware Indians to the Department of the Interior, asking for their rights in the Cherokee Nation, has just been made public. The document, which is quite a lengthy one, refers to the contract between the Cherokee and the Delaware by which the Delaware bought 157,600 acres of land and communal rights in the Cherokee Nation, for \$275,424.

CRAZED FOR SLEEP

SIX-DAY RIDERS ARE IN A TERRIBLE NERVOUS CONDITION.

Only Miller, Who Has Miles and Miles to Spare; Walter, Who Has Been Lolling Since the First Day, and Hale, Who Has Been Possessing, Can Tell Whether They are Afraid or Aweed, All the Other Being so Nearly Crazy That They See all Sorts of Spooks—Case of Cruelty to Animals.

New York, Dec. 10.—The great six day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden has narrowed itself down to fifteen riders. Miller still retains a lead of nearly a hundred miles over Rice, the Wilkesbarre rider.

At midnight he was something like 235 miles ahead of the world's record, and with twenty-four hours to spare, he had covered a distance up to within a few miles of the great record established by Hale last year, 1,900 miles.

The great surprise of the night was the retirement of Riviere, the Frenchman. He is believed to be actually out of his mind, is in a pitiable physical condition, and is under the care of physicians.

Like most of the others in the race, Riviere has given evidence during the contest of having partially lost his mind. The awful strain after the first day of riding had in a measure mentally unbalanced him, and this afternoon he leaped from his wheel and made an assault on an imaginary foe in one of the boxes, swearing and jabbering in his native tongue. His trainers rushed to him and put him on his wheel, but after making a few more laps he repeated the performance, with even more insane rage than he had at first demonstrated.

The result was that Riviere was taken from the track, to return no more. Another man who has quit the list is Moore. Moore had a terrible fall during the afternoon. While going at a high rate of speed, he crashed into the rail and cut himself badly. He was carried off the track almost unconscious. The shock was too great for his debilitated condition and Moore will be seen no more in the present race. But Miller, the wonderful specimen of physical development, still plods along. He has ground out more miles in a given time on a wheel than any man has before. He has subsisted under the most trying strain with less sleep than was thought possible for any man, and with it all an examination of him tonight by the police surgeons disclosed the fact that his condition was normal and, with the exception of muscular soreness and a slight deadness of the limbs, he was in excellent condition and would be able to continue to the end without much danger of collapse.

Rice, who is second man in the contest, though nearly a hundred miles behind the leader, is standing by his colors with dogged determination. It was said during the day that he had asked to be taken off, but the manner in which he has been riding through the night shows that though he might have requested this, it is not the spirit of his wishes. He is in to stay to the end and his trainers think that he will be much nearer to the Chicago man at the end of the next twelve hours than he is at present. At all events, he got rid of a dangerous rival when Riviere left the track. For hours it had been a sell and tuck between these two, at one time the one leading and at another time the other. Rice's physical condition is also announced to be good.

Close up to Rice, and third man, now that the Frenchman is gone, is Schmeier, a fellow townsman of Miller. Though he has had several nasty tumbles during the race, Schmeier has never for a moment lost any of his pluck or determination. He has a lead of ninety miles on Hale, the former champion, and, barring accident, will undoubtedly finish third. Hale, with plenty of sleep, comparatively speaking, has the best of all of any man on the circle. He has really taken things leisurely, but nevertheless, at the present writing is nearly forty miles ahead of his old record of last year.

This is about what his schedule called for, but when the schedule was made no account was taken of such marvelous speed as has been maintained throughout the race, after Walter had set the pace. Those who expected Hale to move up in the last day or two are apt to be disappointed, for he is far from the plucky leader. Of the others, Walter has proved himself the strongest hearted. He did a lot of sprinting tonight, and he has a strong following among the spectators. Enterman, the youthful Brooklyn rider, has returned and is making his miles with clock-like regularity.

New York, Dec. 10.—When, early this morning, enthusiasts over the six day bicycle race reached Madison Square Garden they found only six riders of the six-day men who started on the record breaking task on Monday last. The second and serious condition of the contest had removed Moore from the track. The wheel of the Philadelphia, while he was in fifth place, at 8 a. m., slipped on a turn and Moore fell over the handle bars. He struck his head violently against one of the uprights of the rail and lay unconscious on the track. It was at first thought Moore was dead. A surgeon at the scene of the spectators at rest and it was found that Moore's injuries consisted of a bad cut on the head, and a strain to the chest on the right side of the neck. He was not expected to finish the race.

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At 11 o'clock tonight the family have no hopes that the aged invalid will last through the night, and they are sorrowfully waiting for the end to come. The president continues his vigil by the side of the mother that has been as a guiding and guiding angel all through life. His great self-control, however, is standing him in good stead. He shows but little of the deep emotions that are stirring his soul. Dr. Phillips, the attending physician, has not been to the house since early in the evening.

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Likely to Be Embodied in a Number of Separate Bills

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When Secretary Gage was informed this afternoon of the reports in circulation about the house of representatives he said that he had not yet made up his mind whether to submit his propositions in one, two or three bills. His plan might be better understood if it divided but he had not yet decided about the matter and was still at work on the proposed legislation.

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MOB IS EPICURISH

WHETS ITS APPETITE FOR THE VENGEANCE TO FOLLOW.

TWO OTHER NEGROES IMPLICATED

PROBABILITIES THAT A TRIPLE BURNING WILL ENSUE.

Crime For Which They Will Suffer Most

Friendship—Woman Outraged and the and Her Children Killed.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 10.—A special to the Picayune from Wesson, Miss., says: Your correspondent has just interviewed one of the most prominent men in this section, who left the scene of the massacre of the Brown Smith family this morning. The accused negro, Charley Lewis, is being tried before Justice T. D. Holmes. He has given testimony implicating two other negroes, Will Powell and Andy Smith, who are now in custody. My informant is positive that the negroes will not be lynched tonight, but that the recent lynching at Monroe will be imitated, making it public, and that every negro will be made to carry pine knots to burn the others. The trial is being conducted in a lawful manner, and the company have charge of the prisoners and will not permit them to be sent to any jail. During the trial Lewis broke down and confessed, saying:

"It's mighty hard for me to suffer for what some one else has done."

"You were allowed to talk further, he said."

"Get Will Powell and Andrew Smith."

Lewis is a mulatto, about twenty-three years old, and married. It is believed that a general clean-up will be made in that section of the country and that a number of negroes will be lynched.

Wesson, Miss., Dec. 10.—Full particulars from one of the most foul crimes over recorded have just come to hand. Almost the entire family of Brown Smith, a respectable white farmer 36 years of age, were brutally killed with a club in the hands of Charles Lewis, a black fiend, more devil than human. Smith was working at a gin a few miles from his home, which is situated about 2 1/2 miles from Pearl river, on the east bank, in Lawrence county and in a wild country. The house is off the main road and no white family five within two miles of it, although several negro families live near it. It was one of these negroes who on Wednesday some time between noon and darkness crept up to Smith's house and most brutally assaulted Mrs. Smith, then bound her, and then forever hid his crime. He began on the six children, only sparing a babe which he left untouched. The fiend's work was not done as well as he thought, for one of the children, a little girl, 5 years old, regained consciousness and when her father entered after his day's work she told him the name of the brute. The murdered mother was working at a gin, where he was fully identified by the little girl.

The father and husband immediately sounded the alarm and a posse was organized and late yesterday afternoon the negro was captured, carried to Monticello, the county seat of Lawrence county, and at 7 o'clock was carried back to the scene of his crime, where he was fully identified by the little girl.

PRICE OF FARM PRODUCTS

Statistics Hyde Tells What Cereals Were Worth December 1

Washington, Dec. 10.—The agricultural department today issued the following:

"The department's special wheat investigation is still lacking a few important returns, but the general result will be determined by Monday at noon, and will be made public."

"The department's final estimates of the production of the principal crops are based largely on the December returns, and in accordance with the department's practice they will not be made public before the 15th of the month at the earliest. The only information now available relates to the average farm price of certain products on the 1st day of the present month. The farm price of corn, as indicated, averaged 35.5 cents per bushel, against 21.5 cents last year; that of oats 21.5 cents, against 18.7 cents last year; that of barley 37.7 cents, against 23 cents last year; that of rye 44.5 cents, against 43 cents last year; that of buckwheat 42.1 cents, against 32 cents last year; that of hay 14.65 per ton, against 14.55 last year."

"The averages for the products not given are withheld for revision, as are also the estimates of the acreage of winter wheat and rye and the condition of these products."

RECORD BREAKING FAST RUN

Union Pacific Again Beats itself, With Astonishing Result.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 10.—A record-breaking fast run was made by the Union Pacific eastbound fast mail train between Cheyenne and North Platte. The train, which was run as the second section of eastbound No. 2, made the run between Tipton and Wamsutter stations, on the Wyoming division, at the rate of 78 miles per hour. From Cheyenne to Sidney, a distance of 100 miles, the running time was 76 minutes. From Sidney to North Platte, 114 miles, the time was 117 minutes, being the fastest run in the history of the road.

London, Dec. 10.—The Field today contains the report that Emperor William has purchased the steamer yacht Yampa.

London, Dec. 10.—Mr. John Loughborough Pearson, the distinguished architect and member of the Royal Academy, is dead.